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## BRITISH WARSHIP IN DARDANELLES

Torpedoed by Submarine and Goes Down Shortly Afterward.

MOST OF OFFICERS

Was Operating in Support of Land Forces on Shore of Gallipoli Peninsula.

Torpedo Destroyed Big Vessel. LONDON, May 26 .- The British bat

was torpedoed by a submaank shortly afterwards.

captain and commander, are

The submarine was chased by de

furkish or German, but it probably was ard for the sinking of German submarines supposed to be in the Med- similar conditions

hased by Great Britain in 1903. She vas laid down under the name of

riumph has been in operation in both lagship of the British Asiatic squadparticipated in the bombardent of the German base of Tsingchau, ina, last October, and was reported

bombarded the western end of the! sround her and threw three missiles on according to reports the lines were damaged. shells, however, and only two men were younded. The battleship silenced the

Turkish battery before retiring. A few days later, while landing Mountain Is Self-Wrecked Friumph, with other warships, in addion to covering the landing, bombarded the forts in the Dardanelles to prevent from the Sea of Marmora

of Maldos during this bombardment. The Triumph, which was commanded vessel of 11,985 tons. Her crew of tend for miles. fficers and men in times of peace numbered about 700 men. The vessel carried four ten-inch, fourteen 7.5-inch guns and fourteen fourteen-pounders and four six-pounders. She also carried two eighteen-inch torpedo tubes. The Triumph was 486 feet long, and had a speed of about twenty knots.

THE TRIUMPH IS SUNK

minutes.

BY A SINGLE TORPEDO BERLIN, May 27 (via London) .- A constantinople dispatch to the Tageblatt says that the British battleship Triumph was sunk by a single torpedo.

#### DEATH OF JACOB RUPPERT

nd that she disappeared in seven

Founder of Brewing Company Dies a Age of Seventy-Pour Years.

NEW YORK, May 26 .- Jacob Ruppert, a widely known brewer, and ounder of the Jacob Ruppert Brewing lompany, died in his home here last He was seventy-four years old. As a boy of ten, Mr. Ruppert began is career as a brewer in the employ of his father, Franz Ruppert, in this city. Later he started his own brewry n a building hardly fifty feet square nd with no machinery. His establishnent now has an annual capacity of argest in the world.

Mr. Ruppert's realty holdings in and bout New York City are estimated to mount to several million dollars. Mr. Ruppert's son, Colonel Jacob tuppert, Jr., now is head of the great usiness founded by his father, and is part owner of the New York American eague baseball club.

#### SCOURGE SHIP NEARS PORT

wenty-Five Men on British Freighter Have Beriberi.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch,] NEW YORK, May 26 .-- A scourge hip, the British freighter Dewa, is naking for this port, and health auhorities are making preparations to un up the yellow flag and sequester vessel. Of the crew of forty on the Dewa, twenty-five have beriberi, and eight have died of the disease since vessel left Havana on May 4, according to a wireless message received by Dr. O'Connell, port health

It is expected that the vessel will reach here to-morrow.

### Italy's Ruler With His Troops at Front

Command of Army and

AND MEN ARE SAVED fifty miles or more. In their forward ward toward Trieste.

The Austrian War Office admits that the Tyrol, twenty miles east of Rovwhere prior to the declaration of war an Austrian barracks was blown ATTACKING BOAT IS CHASED up and many Italians were arrested. At the same time, Vienna claims that Italian attacks on the Carinthian fron-Constantinople Dispatch Says Single losses to the invaders, and that in an invasion across the border north of Udine, the Italians fled, leaving their

Another British battleship, Triumph, has fallen a victim in the operations in the Dardanelles. A torpedo, whether German or Turkish i not known, sent her to the bottom. The British admiralty reports probably most of the officers and crew

The American steamer Nebraskan, The Nebraskan when off coast was either torpedoed or

Successful progress still continues in the Galicia district near Przemysl, according to Vienna, with the capture of and patrolling small craft additional men, guns and war material. In Russion Palond and south of the Dniester the situation generally

On the west an engagement of f the latter nationality, as the Brit- treme violence is in progress north of sh legation at Athens recently offered Arras, where the Germans are trying to retake captured positions, and northern outskirts of the wood north of the road from Aix-Noulette to

#### **HEAVY STORM IN WEST**

KANSAS CITY, May 26 .- Heavy rain

to the Dardanelles to search aches from a different angle. HUGO, OKLA, May 26.—A tornado struck Talipina, Okla., sixty miles north dropped sixteen shells son and fatally injuring several others, according to reports here. Many buildings were damaged.

#### LASSEN PEAK A RUIN

Recent Eruptions.

REDDING, CAL., May 26.-Lassen Peak, once beautiful in the symmetry of its summit and the wealth of timber The that enveloped it, stands to-day a ruin, Triumph was credited in the official re- self-wrecked by its recent eruptions, border, the Austrians and Germans tucket all night, and reached the side orts with having set fire to the town Its crater is shattered, and down its western slope two black streams of lava, half a mile wide, separated by a by Captain Maurice E. Fitzmaurice, was ridge covered with ash-soiled snow, ex-

Forest rangers reported to-day that volcano's heat, to venture near enough to the peak to ascertain the full extent of the changes wrought in the moun-

#### ADDICKS STILL IN JAIL

Tries in Vain to Raise \$2,000 for Bond

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, May 26 .- J. Edward (Gas) Addicks, the former Delaware for months, consists largely of trench millionaire politician, tried in vain today to raise \$2,000 for a bond to be freed from Ludlow Street Jail. was unable to find a bondsman before the sheriff's office closed, but will renew the search to-morrow.

Addicks is held in jail on a technical harge of contempt of court for failing to appear and be examined as to an

#### DR. HENRY BAK IS DEAD

Was President of Southern College of Medicine.

CHICAGO, May 26 .- Dr. Henry Bak, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern College of Medcine, died at a hospital here yesterday, it became known to-day.

Dr. Bak was born in Austria-Hungary sixty-eight years ago, and for a number of years was chief of staff of the army medical corps of that nation. He came to America thirty-three years

He is survived by a widow and seven children.

#### APPEALS TO JEWISH HEAD

State Department Seeks Assistance in Sending Aid to Galicians.

NEW YORK, May 26 .- The State Department at Washington, it was learned to-day has asked Louis Marshall, as president of the American-Jewish committee, for assistance in an effort to afford relief to and discover the whereabouts of war sufferers, especially women and children, in Galicia.

The State Department, in a letter which Mr. Marshall received yesterday, stated that it was impossible to com municate with thousands of Jews in Galicia, many of whom have relatives in America who are trying to send aid

Victor Emmanuel Takes Supreme

command of the army and navy, and is now with his troops at the front. On the Austro-Italian frontier and for a Italian lines stretch for a distance of movement the Italians have occupied several towns, and are striking east-

were saved.

damaged by an explosion while bound from Liverpool for Delaware breakwater, is on her way back to Liverstruck a mine.

was a remains unchanged.

The battleship Triumph was built at Souchez, where the French report slight advance.

and windstorms did much damage throughout Kansas, Northern Oklahoma and Western Missouri to-day. Sections of railroad track have been washed out and wire communication day set foot for the first time. is crippled. Many streams are nearing day set foot for the first time on sengers and officers of the Holland-flood stage. flood stage.

Eight hundred delegates to a Tulsa ago was yet disunited from the mother convention are marooned at Sand Springs, Okla.

Italian land, which until a few days sengers and officers of the Holland-America Line, went down the bay to meet the South Carolina to take on the symbol of the

among all Italians, goes our augural success to the Italian arms.

"For Victor Emmanuel has been reserved the highest fortune that ever a sovereign could enjoy, that he will see complete under his crown national

"To Victor Emmanuel go the grateful CALL PICKED UP and solemn greetings of the entire Italian people.

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL

IN SUPREME COMMAND

CONTINUE ACTIVE

Full Charge of Italian Army

and Navy.

Do Not Relax Efforts on Other Fronts

Because of Italy's Entrance Into

War-Make Claims of Further

The Official Journal publishes a de-

general of the kingdom. During the

duties of state in the name of the King.

but will refer all affairs of first im-

portance to His Majesty, unless they

Thomas of Savoy) lieutenant-

TEUTONS

#### NO LET UP IN EFFORTS

on to face another enemy in Italy, have not relaxed their efforts on the of the injured liner in less than two other fronts.

In Middle Galicia they have resumed thirty minutes before her consorts. the offensive against the Russians along the River San, and claim further success; while in Flanders and Artois Hook. they had been unable, owing to the the Germans continue, according to the French report, their furious attacks in an effort to regain ground taken from them in recent weeks, and to hold that they took from the British in the

> region of Ypres. their trenches northeast of Givenchy, the reports of the belligerent headquarters, continue to contradict each other. So far as the west is concerned, however, the fighting, as has been the case

ITALIANS MEET NO

The Italians who have crossed the hold was gaining. Austrian frontier to the east along a In fact, no important battle is expected engine and boiler rooms, until the invaders reach the River STRUCK ON PORT SIDE Isonzo, where the Austrians are said to be established.

ous, has brought the political situation explained a later message from the tutional or denied force and effect as inlikely that there will be any de-

The alleged torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraskan is featured by tunnel on the port side. If this tunnel

#### REGARD SITUATION IN EAST

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] read: PETROGRAD, May 26 .- Although the activity of the Austro-German army is Ryndam, of the Holland-America Line, front with perfect composure. There Texas and Louisiana coming to assist." seems no longer to be any fear that The Ryndam is one of the slowest the enemy can make further material vessels in the Holland-America Line's progress in the direction of his last ag- fleet. She was built in 1901. She sailed gressive. Military writers here are of from her pier in Hoboken at noon on parently coming to an end in Galicia is which was valued at more than \$1,000,-

ised them the early possession of War- ernment. saw as a reward for their efforts. It It consisted of 266,114 bushels of is now two months since there have

corn, five bags of corn starch, 2,000 (Continued on Second page.) (Continued on Ninth Page.)

### LINER RYNDAM COLLIDES FIVE PER CENT CLAUSE WITH TRAMP STEAMER

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP NEBRASKAN.

Leaves Incognito for Front to Take Seventy-Seven Passengers, Saved Rebate Also Held to Apply to Goods From Possible Death, Reach Port on Battleship.

\$1,000,000 CARGO DESTROYED MAY EFFECT U. S. FISCAL POLICY

Reach Side of Injured Liner in Less Than Two Hours-Neither Vessel Sinks.

Nantucket Shoals Lightship, were brought to port to-night by the battleship South Carolina, which participated The Ryndam, convoyed to Ambrose

Lightship by the battleship Texas. the reached the harbor before her pas sengers arrived. She was drawing thirty-six feet of water, and much of her cargo, valued at \$1,000,000, was dewater line was stopped with canvas capital to go to the front and be among upon her own steam to this port

steamer Thomas J. Millard. carrying friendsand relatives of pasboard the rescued passengers.

The Ryndam left here for Rotterdam yesterday with fifty-four cabin and twenty-three third-class passengers. The crew numbered about 150. Cuneo left Boston last night for Baracoa, Cuba. Shortly before 4 o'clock this morning, in a heavy fog, the steamers rammed each other.

first "S. O. S." at 4:05 A. M., and the call was picked up almost instantly ON OTHER POINTS by the battleships South Carolina, LONDON, May 26.-Although called Texas and Louisiana. The big warships headed at full speed through the whose troops have crossed the Eastern dense fog that had enveloped Nanhours, the South Carolina arriving

The Ryndam at that time was ap proximately 150 miles east of Sandy

Officials of the Holland-American Line in this city received at 9 o'clock the following message from the Ryndam's master, Captain Van Der Heuvel: "One hundred and fifty miles from

Ambrose. Hold No. 5 full of water. Except for the German admission Hold No. 6 water gaining. Enginethat the British have captured part of room water we can master. Am proceeding thirteen knots. Passengers aid; sixty crew on board Cuneo. American squadron standing by."

At that time Captain Van Der Heuvel did not know that the passengers had been retransferred from the Cuneo to the South Carolina.

An earlier message from the captain expressed fear that he would have to SERIOUS OPPOSITION abandon the ship, as the water in No. 6

The Ryndam has seven holds, which front of sixty miles towards the Isonzo are numbered from the bow aft. The River, have met no serious opposition, first three holds are forward of the

AT POINT NEAR STERN In Greece the illness of King Constantine, whose condition remains seri-

strained, but holding out."

the incident as "another challenge to have been no way of keeping water out of the engine room.

WITH PERFECT COMPOSURE Radio Station at Newport, R. I., and "Steamships Joseph J. Cunco and

of Przemysl and between that fortress Passengers and part crew of Ryndam regard the general situation on this New York. In response to radio calls, any manner affected or impaired."

he opinion that the great struggle sp- Tuesday for Rotterdam. Her cargo, he last general battle of the war on 000, was the largest she had ever carried, and was consigned to the Nother-Emperor William recently made an- lands Overseas Trust Company, the other appeal to his troops, and prom- commercial agents for the Dutch gov-

# OF TARIFF LAW UPHELD

Imported in Ships of "Favored Nations."

If Customs Court Decision Is Sustained by Supreme Court, Approximately \$15,000,000 in Duties Already Collected Must Be Refunded. WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The so-

law, granting a reduction of duties to that amount on goods imported in American ships, was sustained to-day by the Customs Court, which held also that the 5 per cent rebate might be granted on all goods imported in ships of those countries with which the United States has "favored nation" treaties.

As such treaties exist with the principal countries of the world, the virtual ffect of the decision is to reduce the If the decision is sustained by th

Supreme Court of the United States, approximately \$15,000,000 in duties already collected must be refunded. In a dissenting opinion, Judge de Vries pointed out that the majority

decision means that goods imported in about 5,500 foreign vessels of favored nation countries shall receive this reduction in customs duties. Five per cent of the estimated customs revenues ceed \$11,000,000, and in years to come this total would grow to even greater

#### DECISION RETROACTIVE ON

proportions.

IMPORTS FOR TWO YEARS Moreover, it was pointed out, that lives were lost. the decision, if it stands the test in UNITED STATES REFUSES the Supreme Court, is retroactive to the extent that it applies to importa-tions into the United States since approval of the Underwood-Simmons law more than two years ago, including goods entered in bond and subsequently withdrawn without payment of this

Officials realize that the decision may have a profound effect upon the fiscal policy of the United States. At present the actual working balance in the Treasury is under \$15,000,000, though possibly \$40,000,000 is available to be added to this if necessary.

In addition to its findings regarding goods from abroad, the court held that a reduction of 20 per cent ad valorem, as provided by the Cuban preferential risks." treaty with the United States, and to The government importers, American

and foreign ship owners, were parties to the suit. The government held that the clause applied to goods imported in ships of favored nations as well as those flying the American flag, there fore, that section must be held entirely inoperative unless the favored nation treaties were abrogated. The importers were interested particularly in the granting of the rebate. MAJORITY DECISION

ON THE MAIN PLEA The main plea before the court, on the part of American ship owners, was that the favored nation treaties were,

in fact, in operative. In this connec-

tion the majority decision said: "By no department of the govern ment have these provisions ever been executory merely, so far as we can ascertain. On the contrary, they have, velopments until after the pending Channel, 10 A. M. Tunnel much during all the time since their negotiation, been recognized, respected and enforced. To now hold them invalid for any reason, in view of these cirhad filled with water, there would cumstances, would in any event, be to assume a grave responsibility, and to defeat them in the face of the conten-The South Carolina's report of the tion of the Department of State, the collision was received by the Naval Treasury and Department of Justice would be little less than usurpation. Fortunately, the duty of repudiating them can by no stretch of authority rest with us, for the very statute being revived on the San, to the north in collision off Nantucket Lightship, which we are now construing in turn recognized their existence and binding and Sambor, those best informed as to were taken off in small boats. Efforts force, and declares in effect that they the details of the operations continue to now being made to take Ryndam to shall not thereby be abrogated nor in

### W. H. IRVINE ENDS LIFE

Prominent Greenville, S. C. Lawyer Driven to Suicide by Despondency.

GREENVILLE, S. C., May 26 .- W. H. Irvine, prominent lawyer of this place, committed suicide by shooting to-day. He recently filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in which his liabilities were estimated at \$250,000, planning for a long trip with her and his assets at \$500,000, for the most mother, in an effort to forget the part in real estate. Despondency is believed to have led to his suicide.

## REPORT ON NEBRASKAN

Officials Without Information as to Whether Ship Was Torpedoed or Struck Mine.

U. S. COURSE UNDETERMINED

Vessel Was Attacked Without Warning, Aggravating Circumstance Will Have Been Added to Already Tense Situation.

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The course of the United States government in the undetermined to-night, because officials were without definite information as

Messages from Ambassador Page and Consul-General Skinner, at London, today transmitted the report of the Brittorpedoed, but the captain's report to his owners indicated a doubt as to

In view of the position the United States has taken on the subject of submany arising out of the Lusitania disperence is awaited with unusual in-Should it develop clearly that she was torpedoed without warning, an aggravating circumstance will have been added to an already tense situation, notwithstanding the fact that no

### TO JUSTIFY ACTION

Germany, in a circular note to neutral governments on May 11, announced that regret would be expressed and payment of damages made without prize court proceedings for all neutral vessels attacked by mistake in the war zone. The United States in its note of May 13 pointed out that "expressions of regret and offers of reparation in case of the destruction of neutral ships sunk by mistake, while they may satisfy international obligations, if no loss of life results, canno justify or excuse a practice, the natural and necessary effect of which is to merchandise from Cuba is entitled to subject neutral nations and neutral persons to new and immeasurable

Navy officers say it will be a difficult the further discount of 5 per cent from task to determine from examination that amount. mine or torpedo struck her. vestigation, nevertheless, will be or dered when the ship reaches port. An inquiry by naval attaches American embassy when the American steamer Gulflight reached port brought a report that a German submarine was responsible. There have been intimations since then, however, that Germany, in her reply, would deny responsibility for the wrecking of the Gulflight.

#### NO BRITISH MINE FIELD

NEAR SCENE OF MISHAP So far as the State Department is nformed, there is no British mine field near where the Nebraskan was struck. The fact that the Nebraskan was under charter to a British concern, partly American owned, prior to sailng on her return voyage, it was said by officials, would not affect her status. She carried no contraband, and was engaged in no hostil services, being bound for Newport News to take on coal for the United States Navy to be carried as freight to San Francisco.

#### LID ON "TROTTERIES"

Earlier Closing Hour Adopted Until "Kelly Thing Blows Over."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, May 26 .- The disclosures of Eugenia Kelly's experiences with the "tango trimmers" in white light district have clamped the lid down tight on Broadway's dance palaces. While several investigations are go-

ing on into the activities of ex-chorus nen and other characters of the "trotteries," the proprietors thereof have taken a tip, and no longer are festiviies allowed to continue until breakfast time. Closing at 2 A. M. is rigidly enforced by the proprietors themselves, 'until this Kelly thing blows over." Meanwhile the youthful heiress,

reconciled to her mother, is staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ralph H. Thomas, at Sands Point, L. I., and is notoriety which the charges of incorrigibility brought against her caused. The German submarine campaign

# MINE OR TORPEDO

Steamer Nebraskan Meets With Mishap Fifty Miles West of Fastnet.

CREW TAKES TO BOATS, BUT LATER RETURNS ON BOARD Armed Trawler Answers Call for

Help and Stands By Disabled Ship. TURNS BACK TO LIVERPOOL

Name and Nationality Painted in Large Letters on

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, May 26.-The American steamship Nebraskan, owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company of New York, was either torpedoed or struck a mine forty-eight miles off the south coast of Ireland at 9 o'clock last night.

No lives were lost, and the steam-ship, listing badly at the bow, is proceeding to Liverpool under her own steam at eight knots an hour. She is convoyed by a fleet of small ships, and expects to make Liverpool to-morrow Captain J. S. Green, her commander,

less to the company's offices in New York: "Struck by either mine or torpedo forty-eight miles west of Fastnet. Am steaming under convoy to Liverpool. Water in lower hold. No one injured.

this afternoon sent the following wire-

It is declared here the Nebraskan was outside the zone of mines, but it is also admitted she might have encountered a floating mine. According to a dispatch from Liver pool, the name and nationality of the

(Signed)

Nebraskan was painted in large letters across her side, and she flew a large American flag. CONSUL-GENERAL SKINNER REPORTS TO WASHINGTON Consul-General Skinner, stationed

iere, sent the following message to the Department in Washington earlier in the day: Admiralty reports American steamer Nebraskan, Liverpool to Delaware breakwater, torpedoed forty miles south by west of Fastnet. Crew and boats standing by. Weather fine. No

direct reports. The Nebraskan left Liverpool on May 24, in water ballast for Delaware breakwater. She was proceeding under full steam last night in a smooth The weather was clear, and

twilight giving away to a bright moon. Suddenly there was a terrific explosion, which shook the ship from bow to stern. She began to list almost mmediately, and Captain Green, believing she had received a mortal blow ordered the lifeboats lowered. Mean time, the wireless operator began sending out the "S. O. S." call. There were no passengers aboard, and the boats were filled with the members of the crew, forty-seven in all, who rowed away some distance, expecting to see the steamship go to the bottom within

a few minutes. The Nebraskan remained affoat, however, and when Captain Green saw there was no immediate danger he returned to the ship. A hurried investigation revealed a great hole in the bow below the water line. The bulkheads held tight, confining the flood to the forward part of the ship.

OIL-BURNING SHIP, AND FUEL SUPPLY IS NOT DAMAGED Although the steering gear had been damaged, Captain Green was able to turn around. Within a short time a large number of trawlers and several tugs were on the scene. Captain Green refused the offer of a tow. The Nebraskan is an oil-burning ship, and her fuel supply was not damaged.

Accompanied by the fleet of small ships, the Nebraskan started for Liverpool, hugging the coast. Weather conditions are ideal, and it is believed she will have no trouble in reaching the port from which she departed. She passed the Old Head of Kinsale, the scene of the Lusitania disaster, at 11 o'clock this morning, and Queenstown about 3 o'clock this afternoon. She appeared to be in no immediate distress, but was flying the signal "I am

not under control." A telegram received this afotrnoon from Crookhaven, Ireland, says a submarine was seen shortly after 9 o'clock last night near Galley Cove, about ten miles from Fastnet, and thirty miles from the scene of the mishap to the Nebraskan. No connection, however, has been established between the two incidents.

Several fishermen sighted the submarine, which was close to the shore near the mouth of a creek. One man with a rifle fired two shots at an officer standing on the conning deck. The submarine dived immediately, but soon reappeared on the surface further out. More shots were fired, and it again disappeared.

APPARENTLY OCCURS

EARLY IN NIGHT The torpedoing of the Nebraskan apparently occurred before 9 o'clock last night. All foreign vessels leaving Liverpool recently have had their names and nationalities painted in large letters on their sides and have flown large flags. Yesterday evening was clear, and the period between 8 and 9 o'clock is the twilight hour in the British Islands at this season. A message to the Lloyd's says an armed trawler went to the assistance of the Nebraskan, and stood by her all night, A message to the Star from Liverpool says that the name and nationality of the Nebraskan were painted in large